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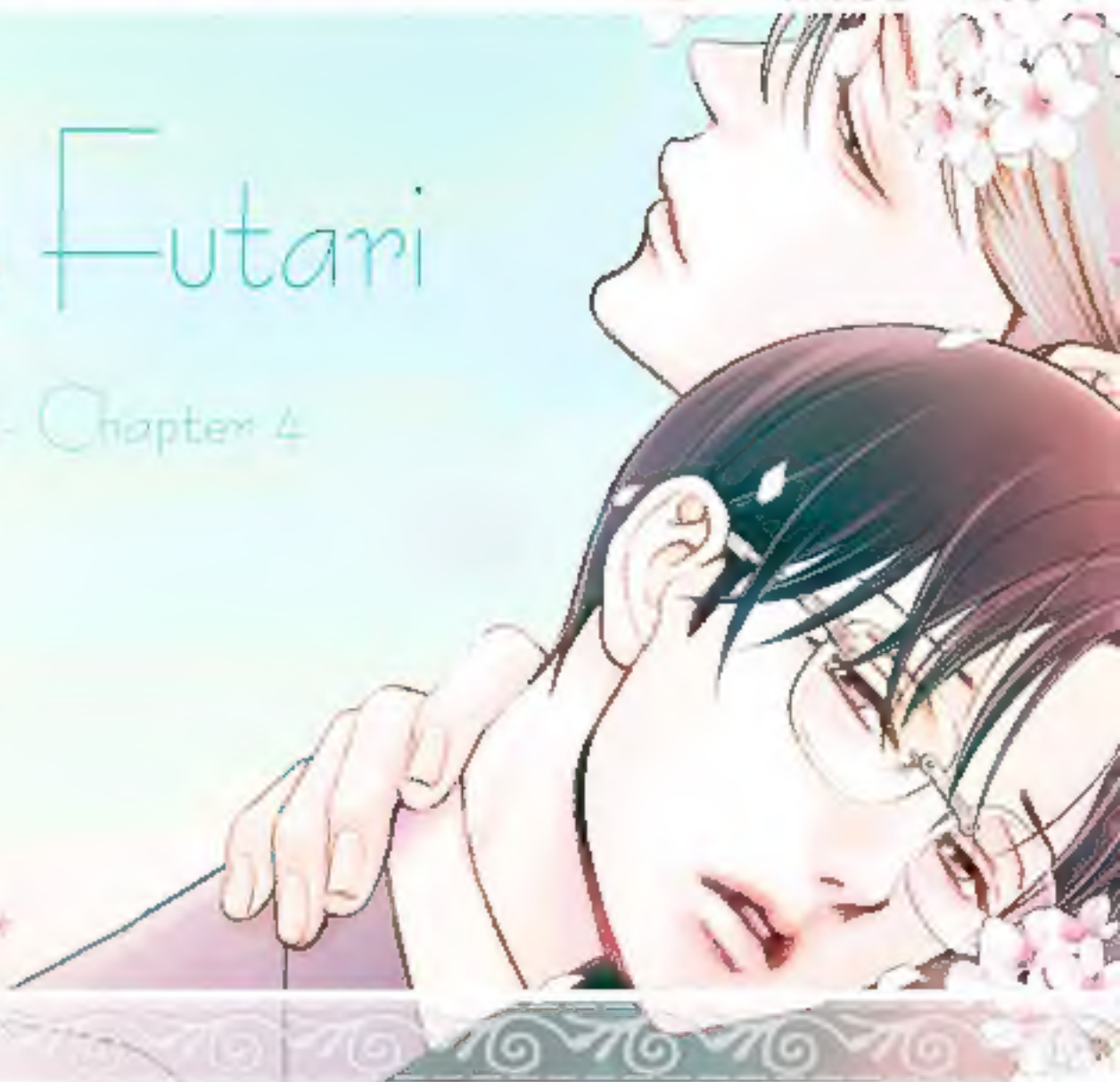
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These are the people who made it possible
for you to read this story IN ENGLISH. ^^
Remember to say THANK YOU.

Hana Furu Futari

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ORIENTATION

MY NAME
IS KAKUTA
SHINICHIROU.

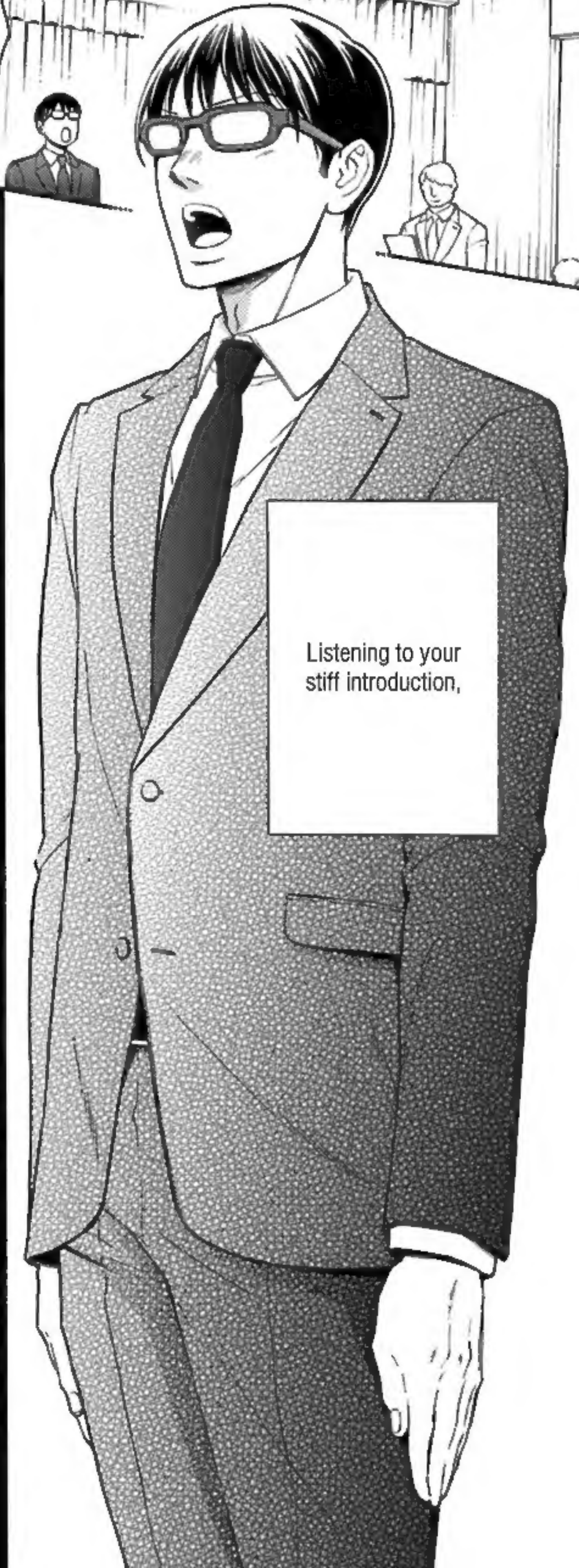
FROM XXX
UNIVERSITY'S
DEPARTMENT OF
LITERATURE,

I felt that we
would never
get involved
outside of work.

But my instincts
were wrong.

SLEEPY...

Listening to your
stiff introduction,



HALF
A YEAR
LATER.



THE INDUCTION
IS FINALLY OVER
AND WE CAN
FINALLY LET LOOSE
WITHOUT THE BIG
SHOTS, SO LET'S
CHILL NICELY!

Calm down!

SAY THAT
AGAIN, YOU!
YOU ARE JUST AN
OLD-FASHIONED
MAN WITH STUPID
TRADITIONS!

DON'T START
GETTING COCKY
BECAUSE YOUR
RUNNER-UP ASS
MANAGED TO
WIN FOR ONCE!



AND NOW
THERE ARE
IDIOTS WHO
WANT TO
MESS IT
ALL UP.

WE'VE
JUST
MANAGED
TO GET
HIRED,



HOW
ANNOY-
ING.



THOSE
TWO HAVE
BEEN ON
BAD TERMS
SINCE THE
TRAINING
STARTED.



I HEARD
THAT THEY
USED TO
PLAY THE
SAME SPORT
AND THEY
WERE IN
RIVAL
SCHOOLS.



HE JUST...
THAT GUY
SUDDENLY
GOT IN
BETWEEN
AND...

STOP
ACTING
LIKE
SPOILT
BRATS!!

YOU IDIOTS!
WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?!

I WILL NOT
SAY THAT
YOU TWO
SHOULD FORCE
YOURSELVES
TO BECOME
FRIENDS,

YOU'VE
MANAGED
TO MEET
EACH OTHER
ON THIS
PLANET.

HEY,
ARE YOU
ALRIG-

....
SORRY...

BUT SHOULDN'T
YOU AT LEAST...

TREASURE THE
OPPORTUNITY
THAT YOU'VE
BEEN GIVEN?

It looked like...



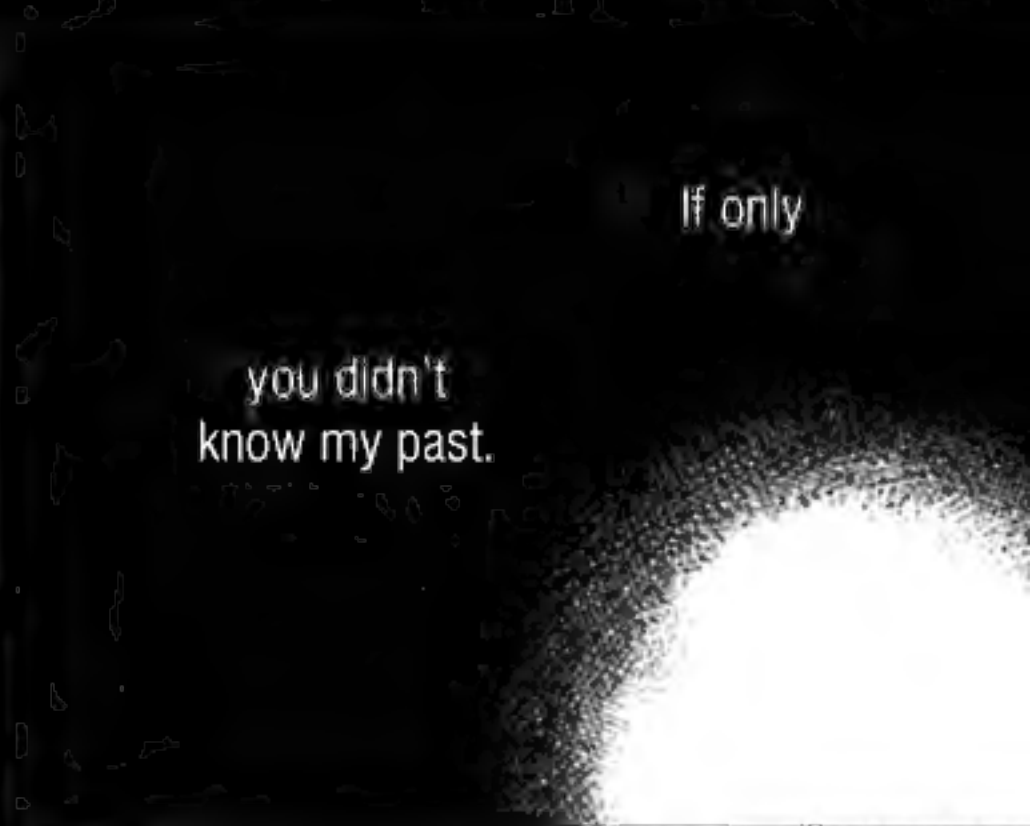




MY TREASURE.



But I want to ruin you.



If only

you didn't
know my past.



You are
precious.



I can't breathe
properly

when your clear eyes
are looking at me.



I still want to hold you.

Though I know that there won't
be any more future for us

GO BACK
TO BEING
JUST
FRIENDS?

CAN'T
WE

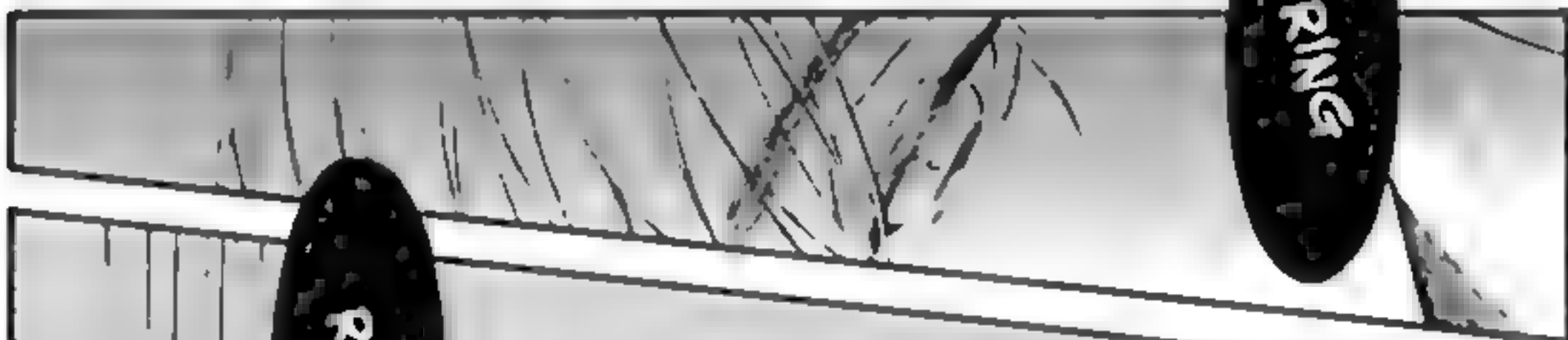
I AM
NO LONGER
INTERESTED.

BE IT ABOUT
YOUR BROTHER
OR THE
PLAGIARISM,





RING

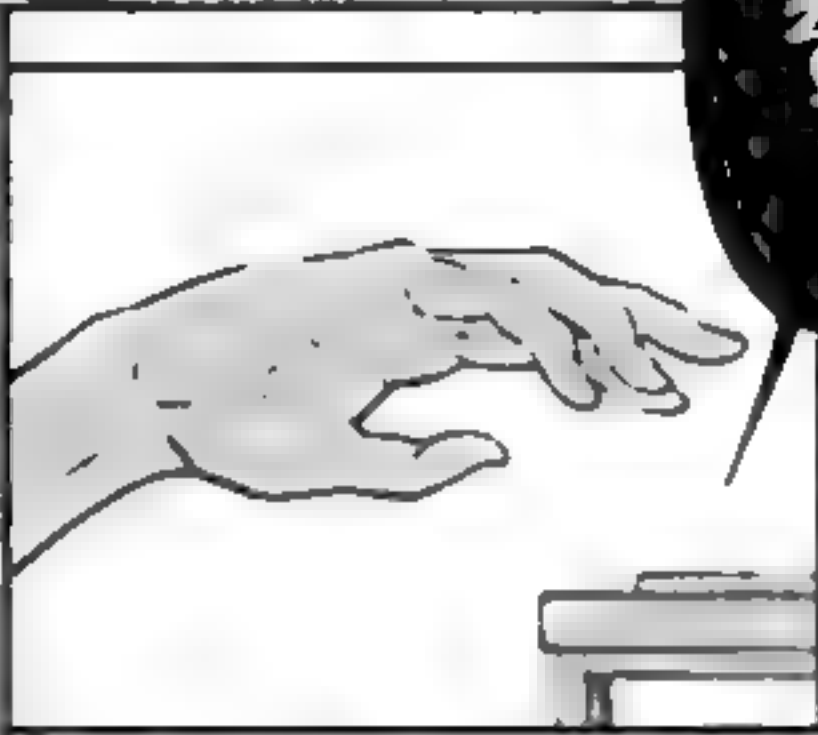


RING



RING

RING



rise



slump



slump



It's mom. It has taken me a number of days to quell my anger. I am questioning your character that allowed you to cut the call whilst somebody was still speaking. Although I have come to understand that you are a very busy man, as a person, I plead that you would still remember to send the gift for your brother. I hope that your heart which has been corrupted by the city can be cleansed by Kiyoharu-Kun's picture (his name has been decided).

READING THE MESSAGES FROM HIS MOM ALL AT ONCE.

KIYOHARU ♂



AND I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD GO BUY SOMETHING OVER THE WEEKEND.

YES, MY BROTHER'S WIFE HAS JUST GIVEN BIRTH.



It's going to be something from a while ago though?

CHOOSING A BABY GIFT THAT I LOVED TO GET?

And invite Kakuta along...



OR ANY TYPE OF NATURAL TOYS MADE ME HAPPY.

SOMETHING LIKE A CUTE BIB

Bib.

The fluffy one from a good brand.

I GOT TO USE IT FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE IT DIDN'T HAVE A SIZE.

HMM, PERSONALLY, I REALLY LOVED THE PONCHO!!



I AM FROM THE GENERAL AFFAIRS.

GOOD MORNING.

ALRIGHT, LET ME SEND YOU A LIST DURING MY LUNCH BREAK.

COULD YOU ALSO TELL ME OF ANY BRAND THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?

Squeak



MORNING.



GOOD
MORNING,
KAKUTA-
SAN.



GOOD
MORNING.



HOW
UNFOR-
TUNATE.

THE
PERSON
RES-
PONSIBLE
FOR THE
JOB IS ON
A LEAVE,

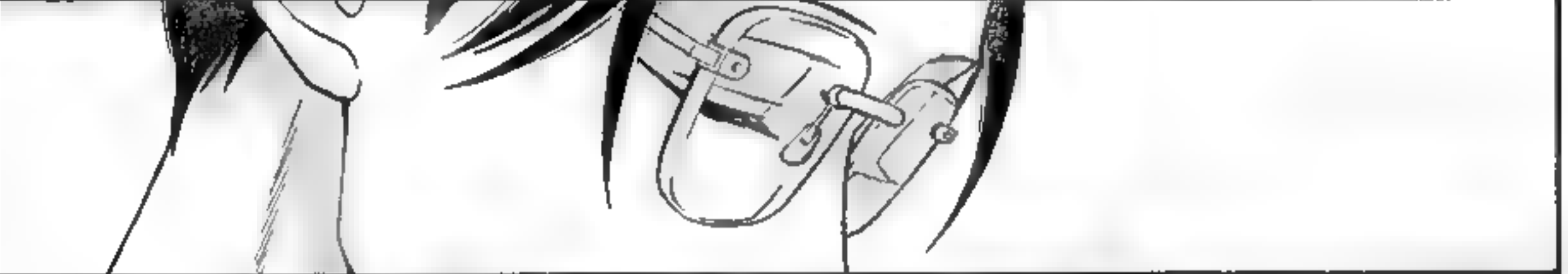
TO CARE
FOR HER
INJURED
CHILD.



YES,
SINCE
THE DAY
BEFORE.

YOU ARE
DOING THE
ROUNDS
NOW?

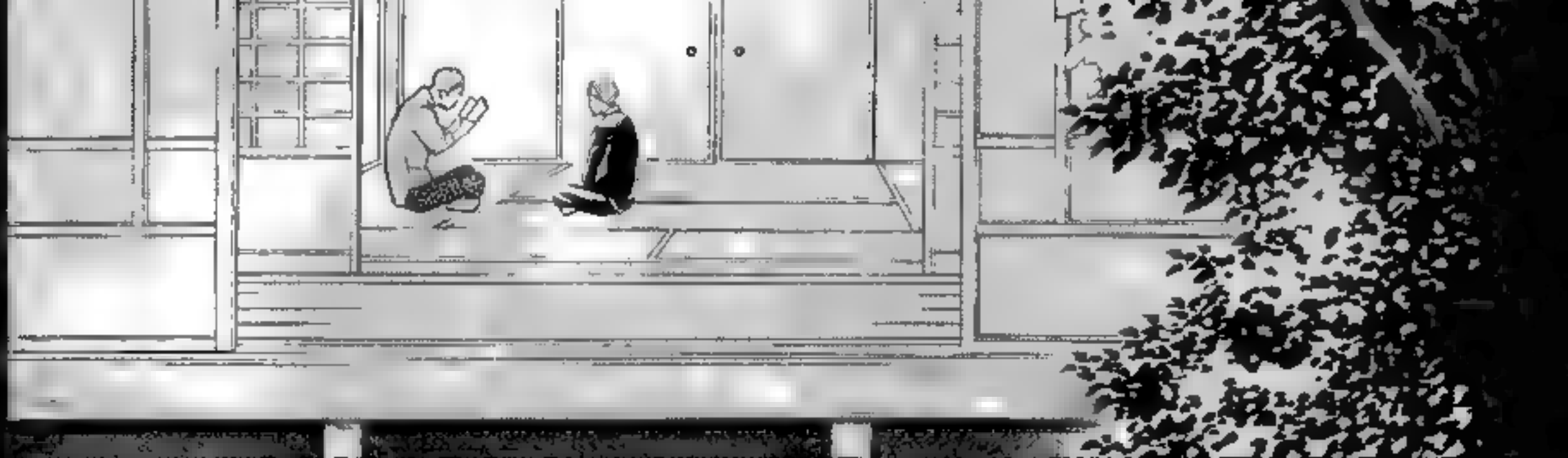




It's just like

back then...





THAT
I GAVE UP
ON.

YOU'VE
MANAGED
TO COMPLETE
THE BOOK

WHAT?

THAT'S
NOT IT...

THERE
ARE OTHER
THINGS
THAT YOU
SHOULD BE
SAYING...

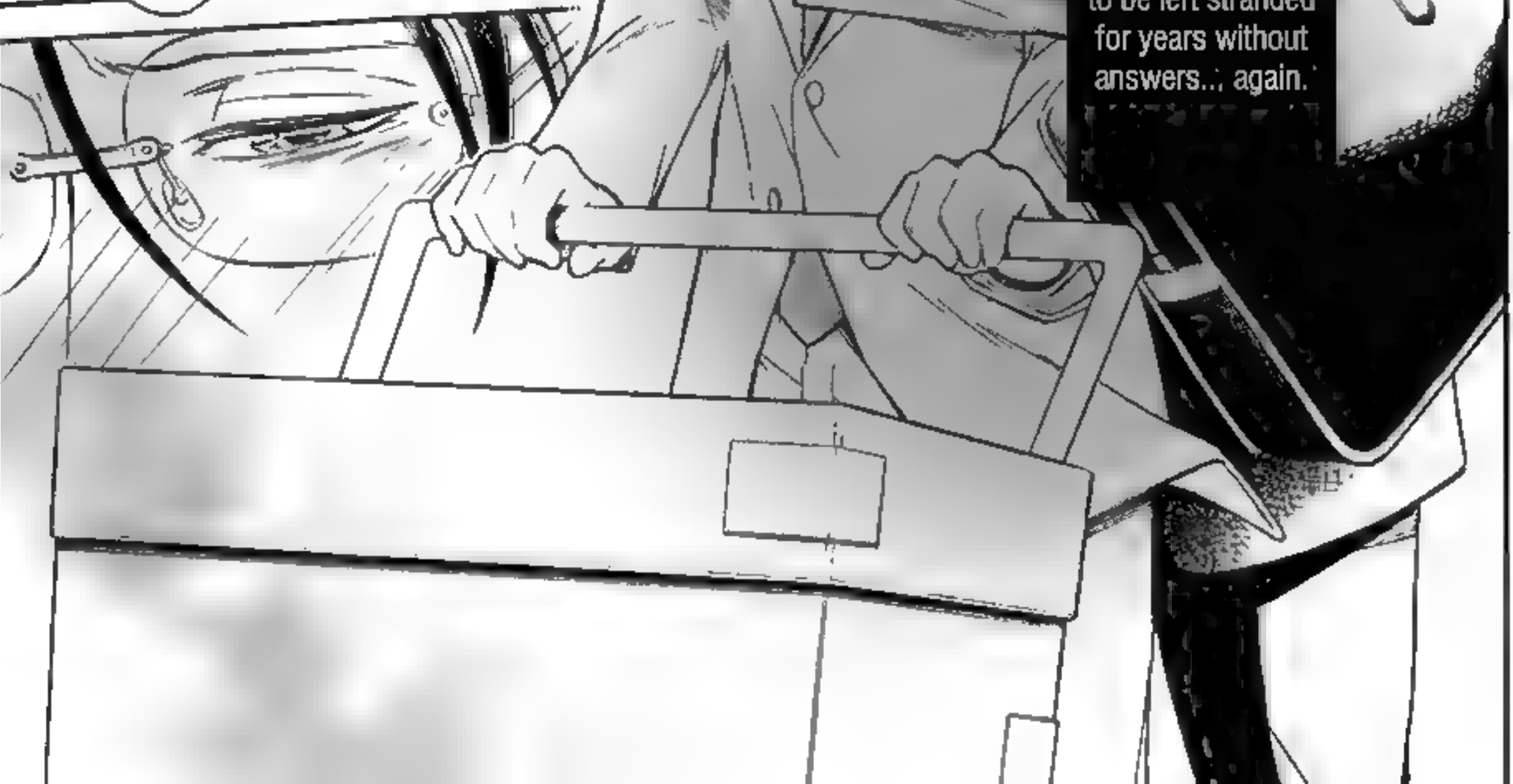
"THE SHADOW
ON THE GROUND"
IS ALREADY

YOUR
WORK.



To simply be forgiven
without having put in
any effort means that

you will lose sight
of the escape path
of your guilt





I'M
BEGGING
YOU,

PLEASE...

PLEASE
LET ME
GO.



PLEASE
STOP.



MINAKAMI-
KUN,



YOU'VE
GOTTEN
UPSET.

NOW THAT
YOU CAN
NO LONGER
CONTROL
ME AS YOU
PLEASE,

FEEL AS IF...
THE CLOSER WE
ARE, THE MORE
I WOULD END UP
TURNING INTO THE
TYPE OF PERSON
THAT I DESPISE.



I WANT TO
BE ABLE TO
TREASURE THIS
MIRACULOUS
CONNECTION
THAT WE'VE
ESTABLISHED.



SINCE WE'VE
MANAGED TO
MEET EACH
OTHER IN THIS
WHOLE WIDE
WORLD,

I DON'T
WANT US
TO BE IN A
TOXIC RELA-
TIONSHIP.

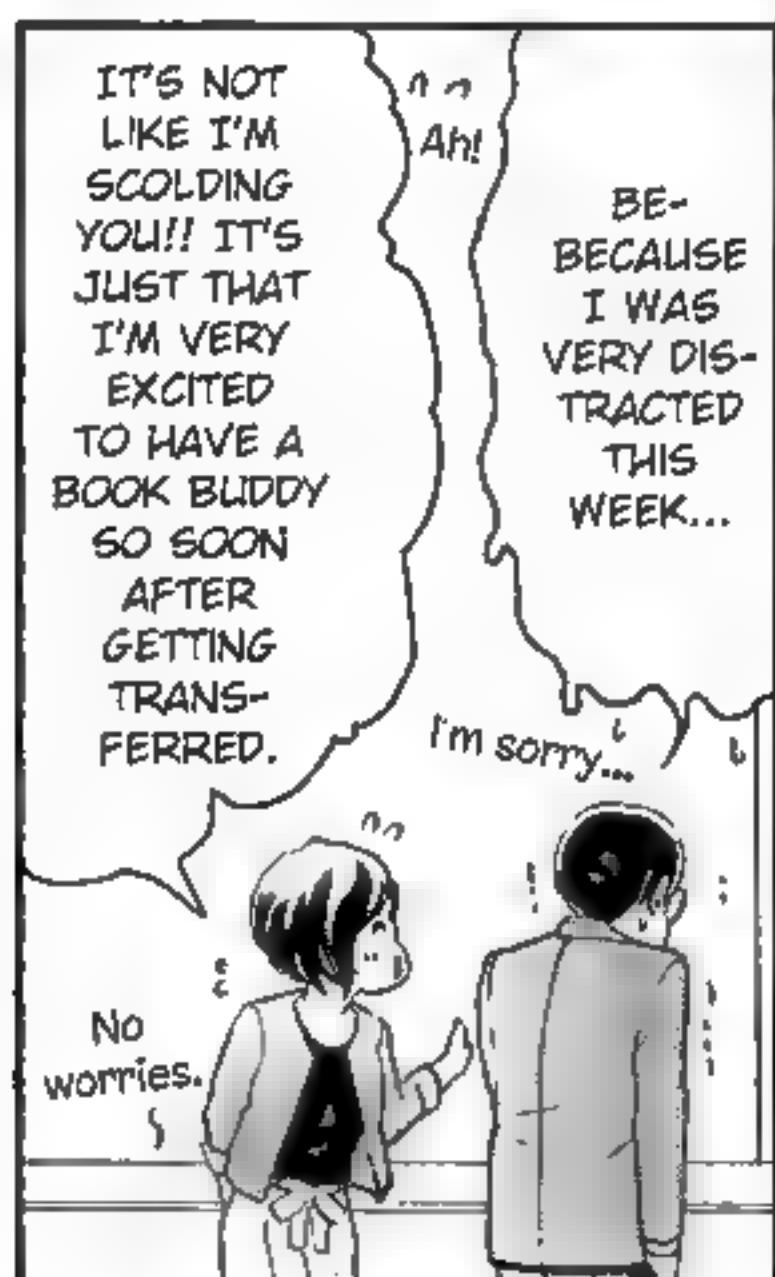


I REALLY
BELIEVE
THAT WE

WERE JUST
MEANT TO BE
FRIENDS.













ONE OF THE BRAND SHOP THAT KASAHARA-SAN MENTIONED WAS NEAR THE OFFICE I WENT TO.

SO YOU WENT TO THE SHOP JUST TO GET THE CATALOG?

IT REALLY IS DIFFICULT TO DECIDE ON THESE THINGS...

THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOU SUDDENLY INVITED US OUT FOR DRINKS.

Of course, I went during my break time.

Oh, this is cute.



IN THE END...

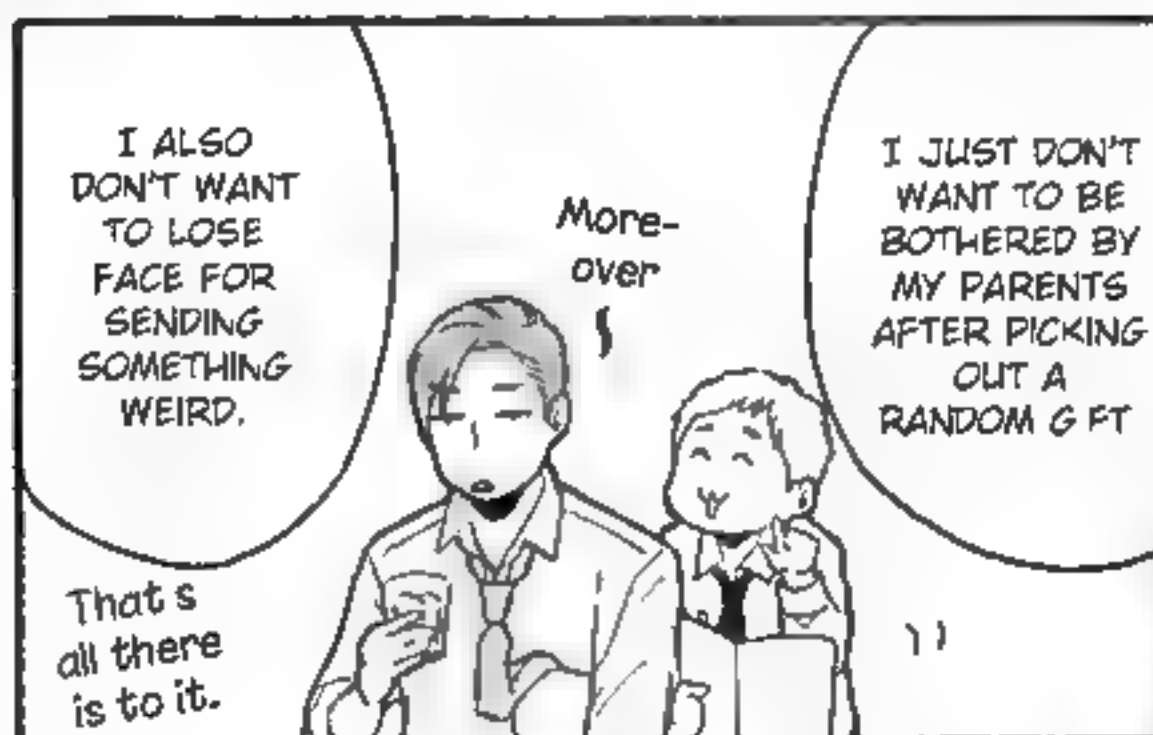
I COULDN'T INVITE HIM ALONG...



I got to do a quality check as well.

ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T GET TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE SHOP, I AT LEAST MANAGED TO SEE THE ACTUAL GOODS.

I'M PLANNING ON ORDERING IT LATER ONLINE.



I ALSO DON'T WANT TO LOSE FACE FOR SENDING SOMETHING WEIRD.

More-over

I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED BY MY PARENTS AFTER PICKING OUT A RANDOM G FT

That's all there is to it.



YOU'D JUST QUICKLY SEARCH ONLINE, CLICK AND SEND.

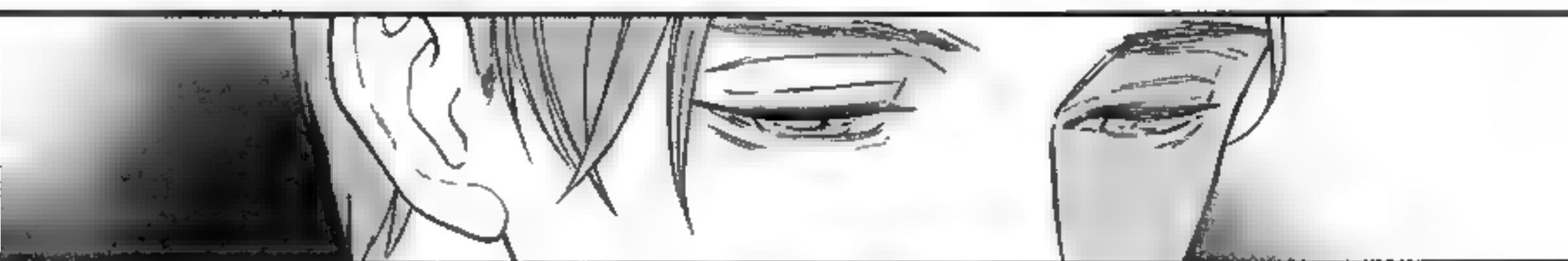
BUT IF YOU REALLY FOUND IT THAT BOTHER-SOME,

YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON!



SENPAI IS...

SERIOUS AND... HOW DO I PUT IT...







"WE WERE JUST
MEANT TO BE FRIENDS."

"I THINK THAT..."



THIS IS
ALREADY
A GOOD
OUTCOME.

SO WE
ARE BACK TO
SQUARE ONE.




I will never
repeat my
mistakes.




If there won't
be a future for the
both of us,

even if it's fake,

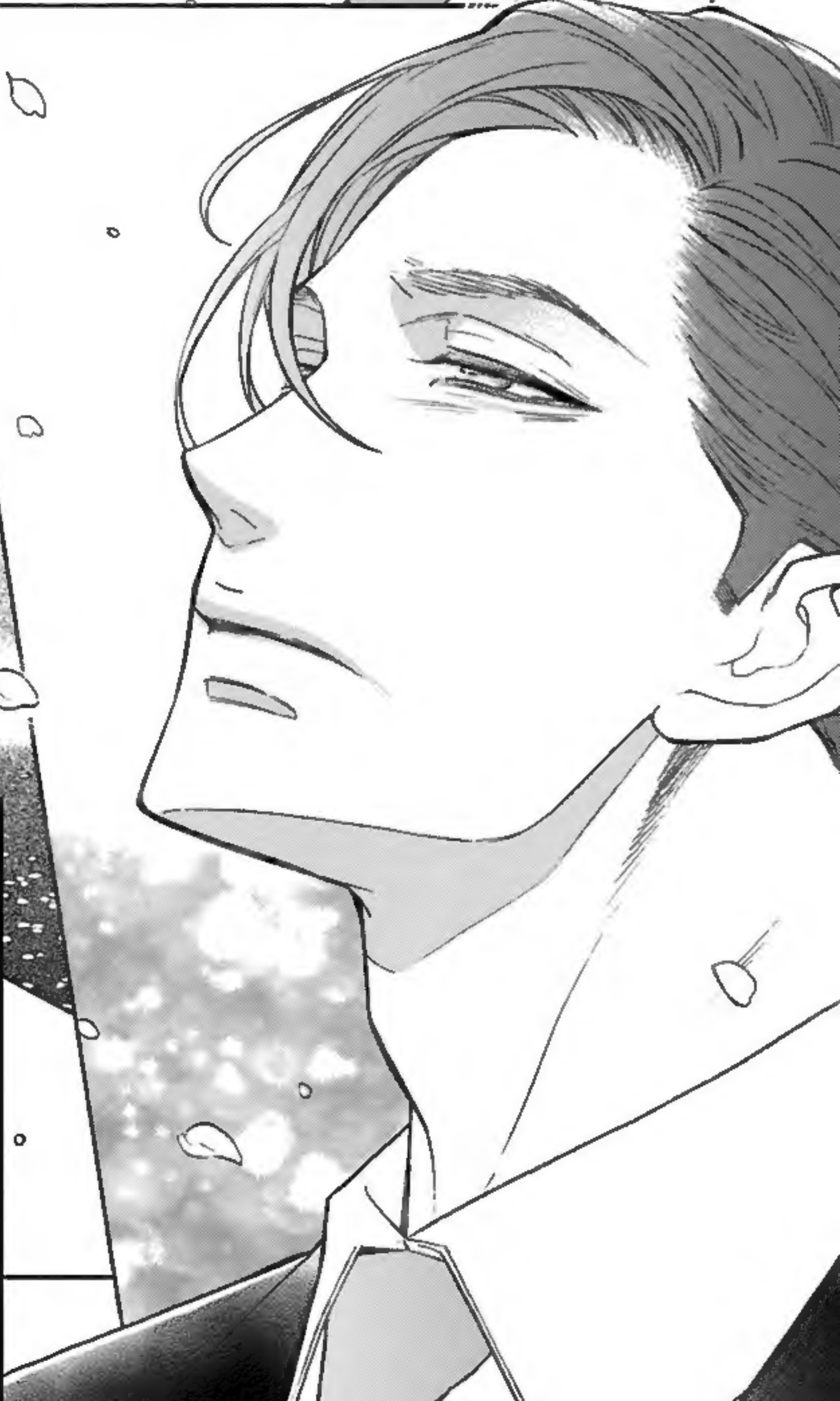
I'd rather have
a flower that will
never wither.



like
back then.



I don't want to
end up losing,



I know
now



that there
is no way
that I could
ever

lock
away my
feelings
for you.



Calling
Minakami Eisuke

BUT
EVEN
FOR A
SHORT
WHILE,

MINAKAMI-
KUN?

SORRY...

I NEED
TO TALK
TO YOU.

I won't stay
for long.